

TAMILNADU

45. Pandyan Grameena Bank

Indian Overseas Bank

UTTAR PRADESH

46. Prathama Bank
 47. Raebareli Kshetriya Gramin Bank
 48. Farrukhabad Gramin Bank
 49. Sravasti Gramin Bank
 50. Allahabad Kshetriya Gramin Bank
 51. Aligarh Grameen Bank
 52. Tulsi Gramin bank
 53. Etah Gramin Bank
 54. Sarayu Gramin Bank
 55. Jamuna Gramin Bank

Syndicate Bank
 Bank of Baroda
 Bank of India
 Allahabad Bank
 Bank of Baroda
 Canara Bank
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WEST BENGAL

56. Howrah Gramin Bank

UCO Bank

Strengthening of Emigration Act

6023. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to give more teeth to our Emigration Act to rein in unscrupulous manpower exporters who buccaneer in promising lucrative jobs abroad and vanish without a trace once they pocket their client dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

6024. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has developed desalination technology to provide safe potable drinking water in brackish water areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of pilot projects undertaken in this regard especially in Orissa; and

(d) the time by which this technology would be made commercial ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is based on the Reverse Osmosis process by which

the underground brackish water is pumped into a membrane element. The water coming out of the membrane has reduced salt content and is also free from micro-organisms, thus becoming safe potable water.

(c) Pilot projects based on this technology were undertaken in some villages of Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat for providing safe drinking water from the available brackish water sources. No project based on this technology was undertaken in Orissa.

(d) The above mentioned technology of brackish water desalination is available for commercial use.

World Bank Loan to Andhra Pradesh

6025. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had discussions on a proposed fiscal adjustment loan to Andhra Pradesh for the next year;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has agreed to provide guarantee in regard to the World Bank loan to the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Borrower for such loans would be Government of India. The proposed loan will be passed on to the Government of Andhra Pradesh on standard terms and conditions. Hence, the question of providing guarantee in regard to the proposed loan does not arise.